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The Annie E. Casey Foundation, <http://www.kidscount.org>, links data from the Census Bureau and in some cases local sources, creating community profiles of 50 states and the District of Columbia, counties, Congressional districts, cities, metropolitan statistical areas, New England towns, American Indian homelands, and upper and lower chambers of state legislative districts. Databases are updated and expanded as new data becomes available.

Examples of the data available from the KIDS COUNT Data Center that is useful for developing a community portrait relating children, education, need for services, and employment are suggested below. (Read the “notes” sections in the databases to develop further understanding of the different categories used.) What other categories will you add for your community profile?

Factors	County 2006	State 2006	U.S. 2006
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS:			
The total population that is less than 18			25%
The percentage of the child population that is:			
0–4			28%
5–11			38%
12–14			17%
15–17			18%
The percentage of the total population in poverty			13%
THE COMMUNITY CONTEXT. The percentage of children:			
In poverty (100% of poverty level)			18%
In extreme poverty (50% of poverty level)			8%
Single parent homes			32%
Living with neither parent			6%
In the care of grandparents			5%
In households where the head of household is a high school dropout			16%
In households where the householder has a bachelor’s degree or higher			27%
In families where no parent has full time, year-round employment			33%

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Factors	County 2006	State 2006	U.S. 2006
THE LANGUAGE CHALLENGE. The percentage of children:			
That speak a language other than English at home			20%
Living in immigrant families			22%
In immigrant families in which resident parents have difficulty speaking English			60%
In immigrant families in which resident parents have less than a 9th grade education			13%
OTHER CHALLENGES for young adults in your community. The number or percentage of:			
Children under age 18 in foster care at any time of year			(2004) 10/1000
Persons residing in juvenile detention and correction facilities, age 10 to 15			(2006) 125/100,000
All youth residing in juvenile detention and correction facilities			(2006) 295/100,000
Teen mothers ages 15 to 19			(2003) 78/1000
Teen births to women who were already mothers			(2004) 19.8%
Births to mothers with less than 12 years of education			(2004) 22.2%
EDUCATION. The percentage of:			
Young adults enrolled in or completed college			45%
High school graduates age 25-29 who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher			27%
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. The percentage of:			
Unemployed teens age 16-19			64%
Teens who are not attending schools and not working			8%
Persons age 18 to 24 not attending school, not working and no degree beyond high school			15%